

be largely bountiful to us in food, in
riches, in pro-
sperity.

7. Deities who are to be worshipped at
the sacrifice to the gods, at the (first) shining ray
(of light) at
dawn, behold my *Soma* libation poured
out: hasten,
with rapid steeds,¹ leaders (of rites),
propitious to
ARCHANANAS.

Sfr-KTA IX. (LXV.)

The deities are the same ; the *Right* is RATAHAVYA
; the metre
is *Anushtubh*.

1. He who knows (how to honour you
two), amongst
the gods, is the performer of good
works: let him
communicate (that knowledge) to us, he of
whom the
graceful VARUNA or MITRA accepts the
laudation.

2. They two, verily excelling in
radiance, royal
(deities), who hear (invocations) from
the greatest
distance, _lords of the virtuous, favourers
of the sacri-
fice, are in movement (for the good of) each
individual
man.

3. Approaching you, ancient (divinities),
I invoke
you together for protection : possessed of
good steeds,
(we praise you) who are provident to give
us food.

4. MITRA grants even to the sinful
(^worshipper) the
(means of) repairing to his spacious
dwelling: the
favour of MITRA, the destroyer of foes, is
(granted) to
(his) adorer.

5. May we ever be in the comprehensive
guardian-
ship of MITRA, and, free from sin, enjoy,
(MITRA), thy
protection, being at the same time the
children of

¹ *Hastibhih, padbhih*, literally, with hands, with
feet, that is,
according to the scholiast, with those having
four feet, that, is
with horses.

² *Varunaseskasaft: sesha* is said to mean *apatya*,

offspring.